

Psalms 143:7-10 (ESV)

“Answer me, O Lord! Make me know the way I should go. *Teach me to do your will.*”

## Knowing and Doing God’s Will: The Basics Ephesians 5:17

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“Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

### I. The Misunderstandings

- Only for an exclusive group
- Something hidden that must be found
- Too demanding and will ruin my life

### II. The Priority

Hebrews 10:36 (NIV)

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

John 4:34 (NKJV)

“Jesus said, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’”

### III. The Reality

*God wants me to know and do His Will.*

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

May the God of peace equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ.”

- God’s *Prescriptive* Will

Isaiah 46:10 (NIV)

“My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

II Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

“The Lord is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

- *God’s Permissive Will*
- *God’s Particular Will*

IV. The Discovery

- The Principles of His Word

Psalms 119:105 (NIV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

- The Promptings of His Spirit

John 16:13 (ESV)

“The Spirit of truth...will guide you into all the truth. “

Psalms 143:10 (ESV)

“Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

- The Providence of His Will

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Acts 9:6 (NKJV)

“So he, trembling and astonished, said, ‘Lord, what do You want me to do?’”